

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Thibeault, D. et al) Art Unit: To be assigned Serial No. : 10/650,585) Examiner: To be assigned

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before commencing examination of the above-captioned application. No fee is believed due; however, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.§§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.